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Crop Report for the week of June 19, 2005

Flooding in fields and delays in spraying caused some concern for farmers, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The northeast, northwest and west central regions all averaged over 50 mm of rain during the past week. Crop damage from flooding was reported in many areas.

Across the province, crop conditions are reported as good to excellent for at least 80 per cent of all crops. Reporters rate at least 50 per cent of crops as at or ahead of normal development. Fall crops are rated at over 75 per cent at or ahead of normal development.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week as a result of the heavy rains. Moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 52 per cent of reporters, with the balance reporting surpluses. Hay and pasture land fares slightly better, as 71 per cent of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate.

The main sources of crop damage during the past week were flooding, wind, insects (flea beetles, cut worms, wire worms), disease, hail and gophers.

Haying operations have not yet begun. Reporters indicate that crops have been delayed due to cool weather, frost and lack of precipitation earlier in the growing season. Recent rains and warmer weather have helped, and most hay crops are rated as good to excellent.

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Saskatchewan Crop Conditions, June 19, 2005

	Winter Wheat	Fall Rye	Spring Wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Triticale
% excellent	29	38	26	32	25	26	28
% good	59	57	61	60	62	63	62
% fair	11	5	12	7	12	10	10
% poor	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Sun-flower	Lentil	Pea	Canary Seed	Chick-pea
% excellent	21	23	28	47	27	33	25	19
% good	58	57	58	45	65	59	66	66
% fair	17	17	13	6	7	8	8	13
% poor	3	3	1	1	1	0	1	2
% very poor	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

1 Year Ago

Showers provided good moisture for some areas, particularly in the west central and northwest regions.

Cool conditions were delaying crop development. 80% of reporters indicated crop development was behind normal.

Crop damage was caused by flea beetles, grasshoppers, and frost.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The south eastern region was generally warm with thundershowers during the past week. An average of 25 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 43 mm reported in CD 2b. Flooding damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 1a, 2b, and 3ase. Localized hail damage was reported in CDs 2b and 3ase. A storm in CD 3ase tipped granaries and damaged trees late last week.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 85%; Fall Rye – 87%; Spring Wheat – 86%; Durum – 93%; Oats – 84%; Barley – 86%; Triticale – 92%; Flax – 79%; Canola – 82%; Mustard – 87%; Sunflowers – 73%; Lentils – 93%; Peas – 91%; Canary seed – 91%; and Chickpeas – 94%.

For crop development, south eastern crop reporters rate 56% of spring cereals as normal and 40% as behind; oilseeds – 53% normal and 47% behind; pulse crops – 62% normal and 36% behind; and fall cereals – 80% normal and 14% behind. Early mustard and canola crops are blooming in CD 2a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved from last week, with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared with 65% last week. Conditions were similar to last week on hay and pasture land with 72% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 70% last week.

Aside from flooding and wind, insects were the main source of crop damage during the past week. Flea beetle damage was reported in all areas except CD 2a, and cutworm damage was reported in CD 3ase. Some tan spot was reported in CDs 1b and 2, net blotch in CD 2b, and ascochyta in CD 1b. Some gopher damage was reported in CD 3ase. Weed growth is affecting crop yield potential.

Some first-cut haying is underway in CD 1a with some cutting reported. Quality is expected to be generally good to excellent.

Spraying is in full swing where weather and field conditions permit. Wet fields are rutted from sprayers. Areas in fields are showing yellowing and stunted crops. Farmers also completed some summerfallowing.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The week was generally warmer in the southwest, with some thundershowers and strong winds. An average of 36 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 16 mm reported in CD 3bs, to an average high of 55 mm reported in CD 3bn. Over 100 mm was reported in the Rush Lake area. There was flooding and wind damage reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in CDs 3asw, 3b, and 4. High winds and tornados caused damage in CDs 3an and 3b.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 94%; Fall Rye – 95%; Spring Wheat – 91%; Durum – 91%; Oats – 98%; Barley – 95%; Triticale – 98%; Flax – 84%; Canola – 74%; Mustard – 87%; Sunflowers – 100%; Lentils – 90%; Peas – 95%; Canary seed – 91%; and Chickpeas – 82%.

For crop development, south western crop reporters rated 58% of spring cereals and oilseeds as normal and 42% as behind; pulse crops – 63% normal and 37% behind; and fall cereals – 80% normal and 17% behind.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland deteriorated from last week, with 23% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 7% last week. Conditions were drier on hay and pasture land with 14% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus.

Flooding and wind were the main sources of crop damage during the past week. Insect damage came from flea beetles and cutworms. Damage from gophers was reported in CDs 3asw, 3b and 4a. Badgers were also reported to be a problem in CD 3bs. Disease issues include ascochyta blight and root rot. Crops are yellowing in CD 3asw.

Haying operations are just getting underway with some cutting in CD 4a. Quality is generally expected to be good to excellent.

Some spraying, fertilizing, chemfallowing, and summerfallowing was done last week. Some oats were seeded for greenfeed.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was showery and humid during the past week. An average of 35 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 24 mm reported in CD 5b, to an average high of 39 mm reported in CD 5a. Flooding damage was reported across the region. There was some hail and wind damage reported in CDs 5b and 6a.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 82%; Fall Rye – 99%; Spring Wheat – 80%; Durum – 88%; Oats – 81%; Barley – 85%; Triticale – 100%; Flax – 79%; Canola – 74%; Mustard – 85%; Sunflowers – 100%; Lentils – 98%; Peas – 88%; Canary seed – 96%; and Chickpeas – 100%.

For crop development, east central crop reporters rate 44% of spring cereals as normal and 56% as behind; oilseeds – 39% normal and 61% behind; pulse crops – 54% normal and 46% behind; and fall cereals – 54% normal and 43% behind. Not all seeding has been completed and farmers express doubt that it can be done.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland deteriorated slightly from last week, with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 48% last week. Conditions are also wet on hay and pasture land with 30% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 2% last week.

Insect damage to crops came from flea beetles in CDs 5a and 6a. Leaf diseases including tan spot were reported in CDs 5a and 6a. Crops are expected to suffer from the heavy weed growth. Gophers and geese are damaging crops in CD 6a.

Some cutting of the 2005 hay crop has begun in CD 6a. Quality is generally expected to be good.

Spraying operations are behind and wet fields are showing ruts where people have taken in high clearance sprayers. Crops are yellowing in CD 5a. Aerial spraying is in high demand in CD 5a with local contractors unable to keep up.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was wet and windy during the past week. An average of 54 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 49 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 61 mm reported in CD 7a. The Conquest and Rosetown areas received 100 mm or more. Flooding damage, including erosion, was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 6b and 7a, while hail damage was reported in CD 7b.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 94%; Fall Rye – 92%; Spring Wheat – 93%; Durum – 94%; Oats – 93%; Barley – 91%; Triticale – 68%; Flax – 83%; Canola – 87%; Mustard – 85%; Sunflowers – 97%; Lentils – 91%; Peas – 94%; Canary seed – 91%; and Chickpeas – 89%.

For crop development, west central crop reporters rate 45% of spring cereals as normal and 55% as behind; oilseeds – 50% normal and 50% behind; pulse crops – 55% normal and 43% behind; and fall cereals – 76% normal and 21% behind. There is still some seeding to be done in the region. Some re-seeding was done in CD 7a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are wetter than last week, with 49% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 9% last week. Conditions are also wetter on hay and pasture land with 30% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 2% last week.

Flea beetles damaged crops in CD 7. Rust was reported in CD 6b and a field of wheat has been sprayed. Tan spot was reported in CD 7b. One reporter heard of some fungicide spraying in lentils in CD 7a. Gophers were damaging crops in CD 7b. Crops were reported to be yellowing in CDs 6b and 7b.

Haying the 2005 hay crop has not yet begun. Quality is generally expected to be good to excellent.

Farmers are behind on spraying and weed growth is heavy.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The north eastern region had mixed feeling about the rain that came during the last week. An average of 62 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 35 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 72 mm reported in CD 8b. Over 100 mm was reported in the Vonda area. Flooding damage, including lodging and erosion, was reported across the region. Localized wind damage was reported in CD 8, and localized hail damage was reported in CD 8b. Roads and culverts were washed out in CD 8a.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 90%; Fall Rye – 99%; Spring Wheat – 81%; Durum – 96%; Oats – 80%; Barley – 83%; Triticale – 80%; Flax – 71%; Canola – 76%; Mustard – 89%; Lentils – 82%; Peas – 84%; and Canary seed – 84%.

For crop development, north eastern crop reporters rate 70% of spring cereals as normal and 30% as behind; oilseeds – 67% normal and 33% behind; pulse crops – 73% normal and 27% behind; and fall cereals – 81% normal and 13% behind normal. Some seeding was done in CD 8a last week, but there is still more to do.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are substantially wetter this past week, with 86% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 29% last week. Conditions are also wetter on hay and pasture land with 50% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 8% last week.

Flea beetles caused crop damage in CD 8, while cutworms caused damage in CD 8a and wire worms in CD 8b. Tan spot was reported in CD 8b and leaf disease in CD 9ae. Yellowing of crops was reported in CD 8b.

Some farmers have begun cutting the 2005 hay crop in CD 8a. Quality is generally expected to be good to excellent.

Weed pressure is high and weed control is behind due to unsuitable weather conditions.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The north western region was rainy and windy during the past week. An average of 52 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 43 mm reported in CD 9aw, to an average high of 59 mm reported in CD 9b. The Barthel area reported 100 mm. Flooding was reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in CD 9aw.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 80%; Fall Rye – 97%; Spring Wheat – 94%; Oats – 96%; Barley – 96%; Triticale – 0%; Flax – 96%; Canola – 93%; Lentils – 100%; Peas – 95%; and Canary seed – 100%.

For crop development, north western crop reporters rate 48% of spring cereals as normal and 52% as behind; oilseeds – 52% normal and 48% behind; pulse crops – 60% normal and 40% behind; and fall cereals – 54% normal and 23% behind. There is still some greenfeed left to seed.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter during the past week, with 40% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 11% last week. Conditions also were wetter on hay and pasture land with 16% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 7% last week.

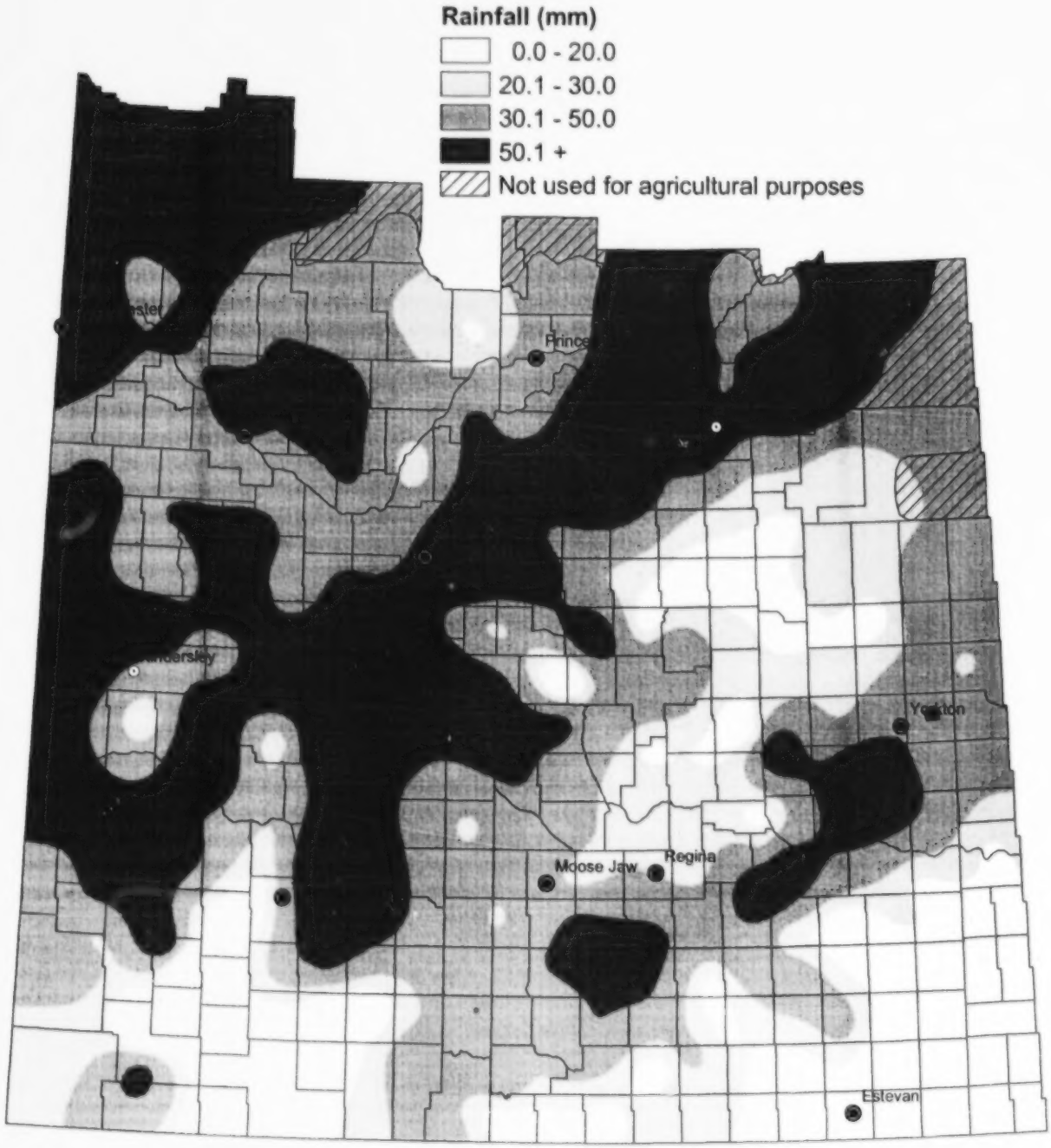
Tan spot was reported in CD 9aw.

Haying operations have not started in the northwest, but quality is expected to be generally good to excellent.

Farmers have found it difficult to spray the heavy growth of weeds due to the wet weather.

Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending June 18, 2005



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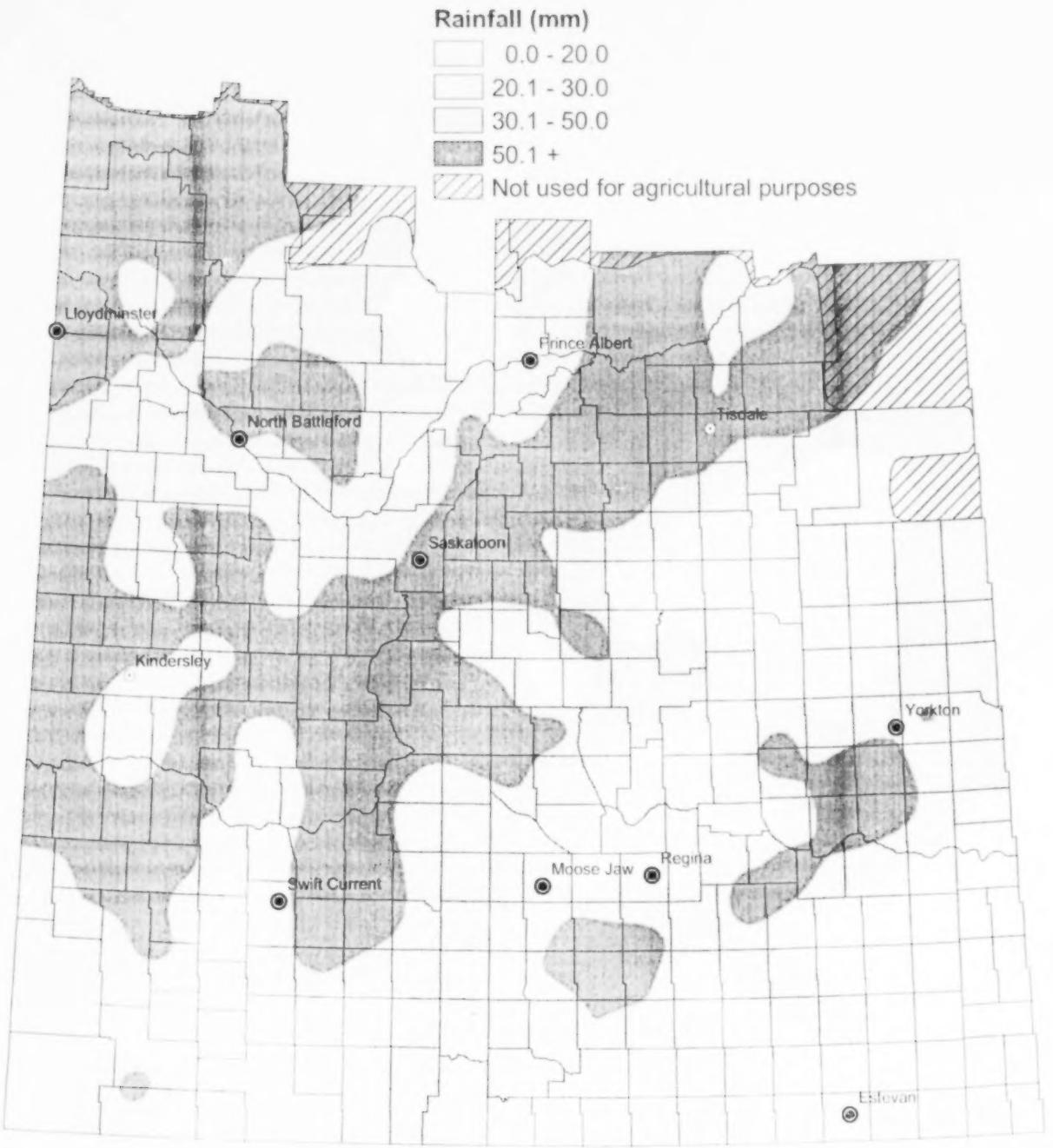

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending June 18, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	9	138
	2	Mount Pleasant	6	159
	3 B	Enniskillen	3	193
	31	Storthoaks	TR	148
	32	Reciprocity	Nil.	161
	33 A	Moose Creek	3	169
	34	Browning	3	174
	35	Benson	24	214
	63 A	Moose Mountain	4	161
	64	Brock	9	206
	65	Tecumseh	34	210
1B	91	Maryfield	11	175
	94	Hazelwood	15	158
	95	Golden West	10	168
	123	Silverwood	18	198
	124	Kingsley	22	165
	125	Chester	18	143
	151 B	Rocanville	21	203
	153	Willowdale	16	154
	154	Elcapo	24	136
	155	Wolseley	43	237
2A	36	Cymri	14	214
	66	Griffin	23	140
	67	Weyburn	20	137
	68	Brokenshell	20	128
	96	Fillmore	40	192
	97	Wellington	38	153
	98	Scott	18	97*
	99	Caledonia	51	211
2B	126	Montmartre	26	172
	127	Francis	71	201
	128	Lajord	35	96
	129	Bratt's Lake	56	150
	131	Baildon	54	177
	156 A	Indian Head	67	206
	156 B	Indian Head	43	175
	157	South Qu'appelle	40	220
	158	Edenwold	21	106
	160	Pense	27	104
	161	Moose Jaw	35	133
	191	Marquis	45	141
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	23	167
	9	Surprise Valley	22	133
	38 B	Laurier	34	162
	39 A	The Gap	13	106
	39 B	The Gap	19	144
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	17	111
	12	Poplar Valley	21	120
	42	Willow Bunch	38	158
	43 A	Old Post	31	151
	43 B	Old Post	18	140
	44	Waverley	38	121
	70	Key West	47	157
	71 A	Excel	48	174
	71 B	Excel	36	130
	71 C	Excel	35	123
	73 A	Stonehenge	34	140
	73 B	Stonehenge	49	128
3AN	101 B	Terrell	54	134
	102	Lake Johnston	47	144
	132	Hillsborough	29	111
	134	Shamrock	41	148
	164	Chaplin	53	126
	193	Eyebrow	29	137
	194	Enfield	39	143
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	5	78
	45	Mankota	15	71
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	11	98
	75 A	Pinto Creek	1	93
	75 B	Pinto Creek	18	103
	76 A	Auvergne	12	84
	76 B	Auvergne	15	98
	77	Wise Creek	12	108
	78 A	Grassy Creek	16	142
	78 B	Grassy Creek	8	104
	78 C	Grassy Creek	10	138
	105	Glenbain	25	132
	106	Whiska Creek	49	109
	107	Lac Pelletier	39	107
	108	Bone Creek	12	170
3BN	136	Coulee	77	171
	137	Swift Current	19	83
	138	Webb	9	129
	165	Morse	76	145
	166	Excelsior	101	189
	167	Sask. Landing	35	143
	225	Canaan	65	144
	226	Victory	63	201
	228 A	Lacadena	30	153
	228 B	Lacadena	76	196
	256	King George	89	204
	257	Monet	25	162
4A	19	Frontier	11	225
	49 A	White Valley	12	139
	49 B	White Valley	52	213
	51	Reno	21	126
	79	Arlington	9	117
	109 A	Carmichael	61	239
	109 B	Carmichael	13	185
	110	Piapot	30	215
	111 A	Maple Creek	41	208
	111 B	Maple Creek	29	218
4B	139	Gull Lake	28	150
	141	Big Stick	32	195
	142	Enterprise	39	197
	169	Pittville	57	169
	171	Fox Valley	61	196
	229	Miry Creek	53	168
	231	Happyland	59	180
	232	Deer Forks	66	199
5A	152	Spy Hill	20	133
	181	Langenburg	25	165
	183	Fertile Belt	36	218
	184 C	Grayson	38	185
	185	Mcleod	42	232
	186	Abernethy	39	177
	187	North Qu'appelle	18	131
	211	Churchbridge	35	192
	213	Saltcoats	38	171
	214	Cana	89	243
	241	Calder	46	229
	243	Wallace	52	207
	245 A	Garry	30	185
	245 B	Garry	41	197
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	65	217
	247	Kellross	26	188
	248	Touchwood	31	133
5B	271	Cote	30	213
	277	Emerald	22	160
	303	Keys	36	155
	304	Buchanan	18	125
	307	Elfros	20	160
	308	Big Quill	38	174
	335	Hazel Dell	26	212
	336	Sasman	16	154
	338	Lakeside	14	112
	366 A	Kelvington	22	112
	366 B	Kelvington	19	132
6A	189	Lumsden	28	128
	190 A	Dufferin	28	99
	190 B	Dufferin	43	104
	190 C	Dufferin	25	96
	219 B	Longlaketon	30	102
	219 C	Longlaketon	19	112
	220	Mckillop	28	104
	221	Sarnia	41	124
	222	Craik	58	156
	251	Big Arm	52	142
	279 A	Mount Hope	42	133
	279 B	Mount Hope	40	166
	281	Wood Creek	2	81
	282	Mccraney	65	171
	309	Prairie Rose	17	128
	310	Usborne	69	168
	312	Morris	32	106
	313	Lost River	29	96
	339 A	Leroy	21	96
	339 B	Leroy	19	109
	340 A	Wolverine	40	117
	340 B	Wolverine	34	114
	341	Viscount	67	137
	343	Blucher	68	120
6B	254	Lovebum	60	165
	283	Rosedale	59	200
	284	Hardy	59	193
	285	Fertile Valley	107	236
	286	Milden	79	180
	314	Dundurn	37	186
	344	Corman Park	41	139
	345	Vanscoy	48	130
	346	Perdue	48	166
	376 A	Eagle Creek	48	165
	376 B	Eagle Creek	41	178
	403	Rosthern	40	128
	404	Laird	24	107
7A	259	Snipe Lake	64	182
	260	Newcombe	20	128
	287	St. Andrews	100	254
	288	Pleasant Valley	49	225
	290	Kindersley	56	159
	292	Milton	78	185
	317 B	Marriott	62	232
	317 C	Marriott	41	153
	318 A	Mountain View	52	166
	318 B	Mountain View	82	223
	319	Winslow	60	161
	320	Oakdale	58	164
	321	Prairiedale	61	171
	322	Antelope Park	72	173
7B	347 A	Biggar	56	168
	347 B	Biggar	39	160
	350 A	Mariposa	39	141
	350 B	Mariposa	35	125
	351	Progress	54	160
	352	Heart's Hill	70	220
	377 A	Glenside	38	181
	377 B	Glenside	48	184
	378 B	Rosemount	54	171
	379	Reford	63	167
	380 A	Tramping Lake	52	126
	381	Grass Lake	34	174
	382	Eye Hill	81	220
	409	Buffalo	38	147
	410	Round Valley	40	162
	411	Senlac	50	156
8A	395	Porcupine	23	130
	397	Barrier Valley	32	151
	398	Pleasantdale	56	181
	428	Star City	94	197
	456	Arborfield	98	183
	457 A	Connaught	48	125
	457 B	Connaught	56	110
	458	Willow Creek	71	157
	486	Moose Range	40	103
	487	Nipawin	52	115
8B	369	St. Peter	50	143
	370	Humboldt	67	149
	371	Bayne	46	147
	372	Grant	101	172
	373 A	Aberdeen	77	147
	373 B	Aberdeen	41	68*
	399	Lake Lenore	80	209
	400	Three Lakes	90	183
	401	Hoodoo	98	213
	402	Fish Creek	78	171
	429 A	Flett's Springs	86	214
	429 B	Flett's Springs	78	172
	430	Invergordon	79	171
	431 A	St. Louis	41	135
	459	Kinistino	68	178
9AE	461	Prince Albert	37	130
	488	Torch River	59	164
	520 A	Paddockwood	23	23*
	520 B	Paddockwood	20	110*
9AW	405	Great Bend	44	135
	406	Mayfield	45	163
	435	Redberry	51	138
	463	Duck Lake	55	151
	464	Leask	34	133
	466	Meeting Lake	67	173
	467	Round Hill	50	159
	493	Shellbrook	20	99
	494	Canwood	24	95
	496	Spiritwood	35	129
	497	Medstead	52	135
	555	Big River	41	204
9B	438 A	Battle River	42	159
	468 A	Meota	54	163
	468 B	Meota	68	156*
	498 A	Parkdale	30	97
	498 B	Parkdale	42	120
	499	Mervin	56	208
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	44	174
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	44	163
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	80	170
	502	Britannia	75	171
	561	Loon Lake	100	197
	588 A	Meadow Lake	68	154
	588 B	Meadow Lake	72	192
	588 C	Meadow Lake	52	176
	588 D	Meadow Lake	56	154

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Crop Districts
and
Rural Municipalities